CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Apr. 1989(P)	Mar. 1989(R)	Apr. 1988(R)	% Change Apr. '89 over Mar. '89	% Change Apr. '89 over Apr. '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,693,600*	1,680,600*	1,673,600*	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Manufacturing.....	371,800*	373,800*	378,100*	- 0.5	- 1.7
Durable.....	278,200*	279,900*	284,100*	- 0.6	- 2.1
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,900	7,000	7,100	- 1.4	- 2.8
Primary Metals.....	13,200	13,200	13,700	0.0	- 3.6
Fabricated Metals.....	42,200*	42,600*	43,400*	- 0.9	- 2.8
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,000	48,600	47,300	- 1.2	+ 1.5
Electrical Equipment....	46,700	47,200	47,800	- 1.1	- 2.3
Transportation Equipment	83,300	83,400	85,800	- 0.1	- 2.9
Instruments & Clocks....	24,400	24,500	25,100	- 0.4	- 2.8
Other Durable.....	13,500	13,400	13,900	+ 0.7	- 2.9
Nondurable.....	93,600	93,900	94,000	- 0.3	- 0.4
Food.....	11,300	11,600	11,600	- 2.6	- 2.6
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	3,800	0.0	- 13.2
Apparel.....	6,500	6,500	6,900	0 0	- 5.8
Paper.....	9,400	9,400	9,300	0.0	+ 1.1
Printing & Publishing...	28,400	28,400	28,200	0.0	+ 0.7
Chemicals.....	21,500	21,500	20,900	0.0	+ 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,600	11,700	11,700	- 0.9	- 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,500	1,600	+ 6.7	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,321,800*	1,306,800*	1,295,500	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Construction & Mining....	76,500	70,800	81,600	+ 8.1	- 6.3
Transportation.....	41,200*	41,000*	40,700	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,900	16,900	16,600	0.0	+ 1.8
Other Transportation....	24,300*	24,100*	24,100	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Communications.....	18,700	18,700	18,800	0.0	- 0.5
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	13,100	0.0	- 2.3
Trade.....	385,600	381,900	372,800	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Wholesale.....	89,600	88,600	88,100	+ 1.1	+ 1.7
Retail.....	296,000	293,300	284,700	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
General Merchandise....	37,700	37,600	34,700	+ 0.3	+ 8.6
Food Stores.....	50,900	51,300	49,000	- 0.8	+ 3.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	34,300	33,800	33,000	+ 1.5	+ 3.9
Restaurants.....	76,100	74,100	76,600	+ 2.7	- 0.7
Other Retail Trade.....	97,000	96,500	91,400	+ 0.5	+ 6.1
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	154,500	154,208	152,900	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Banking.....	35,700	35,600	34,800	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Insurance.....	79,200	79,100	80,700	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Real Estate.....	16,200	16,200	15,700	0.0	+ 3.2
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	23,400	23,300	21,700	+ 0.4	+ 7.8
Services.....	419,000	413,600	404,300	+ 1.3	+ 3.6
Hotels.....	12,700	12,100	12,800	+ 5.0	- 0.8
Personal Services.....	20,900	20,700	20,000	+ 1.0	+ 4.5
Business Services.....	92,500	91,600	91,500	+ 1.0	+ 1.1
Health Services.....	126,000	125,200	120,300	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
Law & Professional.....	39,500	39,200	36,200	+ 0.8	+ 9.1
Educational Services....	36,900	37,500	35,500	- 1.6	+ 3.9
Other Services.....	90,500	87,300	88,000	+ 3.7	+ 2.8
Government.....	213,500	213,800	211,300	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Federal.....	25,900	26,000	25,500	- 0.4	+ 1.6
State & Local.....	187,600	187,800	185,800	- 0.1	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (P) Preliminary (R) Revised

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988(R)	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988(R)	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$469.56	$469.84	$449.11	42.0	42.1	41.7	$11.18	$11.16	$10.77
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	480.39	482.23	460.22	42.4	42.6	42.3	11.33	11.32	10.88
Lumber & Furniture.....	377.58	378.62	362.78	40.6	40.8	40.9	9.30	9.28	8.87
Primary Metals.....	509.95	500.19	484.02	47.0	46.4	44.9	10.85	10.78	10.78
Fabricated Metals.....	450.93	447.10	436.72	42.5	42.5	42.9	10.61	10.52	10.18
Machinery.....	514.04	522.30	494.06	43.6	44.3	43.8	11.79	11.79	11.28
Electrical Equipment.....	387.16	387.73	383.46	41.1	40.9	41.5	9.42	9.48	9.24
Transportation Equipment.....	553.08	562.28	524.80	41.9	42.5	41.0	13.20	13.23	12.80
Instruments and Clocks.....	487.06	482.89	431.57	43.8	43.7	43.2	11.12	11.05	9.99
Other Durable Mfg.....	395.81	382.39	408.39	39.7	39.3	41.8	9.97	9.73	9.77
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	435.23	437.27	417.35	40.6	40.7	39.9	10.72	10.67	10.46
Food.....	399.99	396.29	379.44	39.1	38.7	37.2	10.23	10.24	10.20
Textiles.....	369.67	369.73	328.25	42.2	42.4	39.5	8.76	8.72	8.31
Apparel.....	274.71	277.77	234.19	39.3	39.4	35.7	6.99	7.05	6.56
Paper.....	500.33	496.65	486.03	42.8	43.0	42.3	11.69	11.55	11.49
Printing and Publishing.....	434.32	427.89	440.38	37.8	37.6	38.8	11.49	11.38	11.35
Chemicals.....	555.08	561.60	538.56	42.6	43.3	44.0	13.03	12.97	12.24
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	385.98	382.05	363.65	42.0	41.8	39.7	9.19	9.14	9.16
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	309.96	301.10	321.46	37.3	36.9	36.2	8.20	8.16	8.88
CONSTRUCTION.....	670.47	646.62	671.66	40.1	39.0	41.9	16.72	16.58	16.03

(R) Revised

UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	Apr. 1989(P) Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Mar. 1989(R) Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Apr. 1988(R) Number	Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	51,200	2.9	53,400	3.0	44,900	2.6
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(2.9)		(2.7)
Ct. Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,800	3.7	9,200	4.0	7,500	3.2
Bristol.....	1,400	3.5	1,500	3.9	1,000	2.8
Danbury.....	3,100	2.7	2,900	2.6	2,800	2.4
Danielson.....	1,700	4.9	1,900	5.8	1,200	3.6
Hartford.....	11,000	2.5	11,900	2.8	9,700	2.3
Middletown.....	1,400	2.6	1,400	2.6	1,100	2.0
Lower River.....	400	2.1	400	2.4	400	2.3
New Britain.....	2,500	3.4	2,600	3.6	1,900	2.6
New Haven.....	7,500	2.7	7,700	2.8	7,000	2.5
New London/Norwich*..	3,900	3.0	4,200	3.3	3,800	2.9
Norwalk.....	1,700	2.2	1,700	2.1	1,500	1.9
Stamford.....	2,400	2.1	2,100	1.9	2,200	1.9
Torrington.....	1,400	2.7	1,600	3.3	1,200	2.4
Waterbury.....	3,800	3.7	4,000	3.9	3,300	3.3
Willimantic.....	700	2.3	800	2.6	600	2.1
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,229,000	5.1	6,378,000	5.2	6,359,000	5.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(5.0)		(5.5)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Apr. '89	Mar. '89	Apr. '88
1967=100.....	368.8	366.2	350.8
1982-84=100.....	123.1	122.3	117.1
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.7	+ 5.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.
The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Apr.'89	Mar.'89	Apr.'88(R)	Percent Change to April 1989 from: Mar.'89	Apr.'88
BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	203,420	202,030	202,690	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	56,370	56,620	57,590	- 0.4	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	147,050	145,410	145,100	+ 1.1	+ 1.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,490	26,260	25,700	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	7,830	7,920	7,810	- 1.1	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	18,660	18,340	17,890	+ 1.7	+ 4.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,470	84,160	82,810	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	25,120	25,170	24,180	- 0.2	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	59,350	58,990	58,630	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,760	22,660	23,020*	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Manufacturing	8,080	8,110	8,630*	- 0.4	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,680	14,550	14,390	+ 0.9	+ 2.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	490,020*	487,870*	483,820*	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	89,550*	89,630*	91,040*	- 0.1	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	400,470*	398,240*	392,780	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	48,960	48,900	47,430	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	9,720	9,740	9,740	- 0.2	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	39,240	39,160	37,690	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,850	14,510	14,410	+ 2.3	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	4,620	4,690	4,750	- 1.5	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,230	9,820	9,660	+ 4.2	+ 5.9
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,150	65,650	65,000	+ 0.8	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	19,040	19,220	19,490	- 0.9	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	47,110	46,430	45,510	+ 1.5	+ 3.5
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	263,280	261,540	257,720*	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	47,310	47,390	47,670	- 0.2	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	215,970	214,150	210,050*	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,730	117,330	117,920	+ 1.2	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	32,190	32,140	33,360	+ 0.2	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	86,540	85,190	84,560	+ 1.6	+ 2.3
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,680	72,340	72,910	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Manufacturing	17,740	17,770	19,170	- 0.2	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	54,940	54,570	53,740	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	126,010	125,270	124,750	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	22,350	22,400	22,700	- 0.2	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	103,660	102,870	102,050	+ 0.8	+ 1.6

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Apr.'89	Mar.'89	Apr.'88(R)	Percent Change to April 1989 from: Mar.'89	Apr.'88
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,470	34,050	33,510	+ 1.2	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	8,070	8,180	7,890	- 1.3	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	26,400	25,870	25,620	+ 2.0	+ 3.0
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	88,450	88,460	86,560	- 0.0	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	24,110	24,370	23,990	- 1.1	+ 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	64,340	64,090	62,570	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,580	24,170	23,860	+ 1.7	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	1,990	1,990	2,140	0.0	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	22,590	22,180	21,720	+ 1.8	+ 4.0

(R) Revised
* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988
Bridgeport	$486.45	$479.94	$470.95	42.3	42.1	42.2	$11.50	$11.40	$11.16
Hartford	499.23	501.50	471.75	42.2	42.5	42.5	11.83	11.80	11.10
New Britain	492.06	492.63	488.59	42.9	43.1	43.2	11.47	11.43	11.31
New Haven	432.96	439.85	410.66	41.0	41.3	40.3	10.56	10.65	10.19
Stamford	525.73	531.85	494.91	42.5	43.1	40.7	12.37	12.34	12.16
Waterbury	431.86	433.72	410.48	43.1	42.9	43.3	10.02	10.11	9.48

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1673.6(R)	1672.0(R)	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1677.7(R)	1669.8(R)	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1695.5(R)	1671.8(R)	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1665.8(R)	1673.4(R)	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9
1989							
Jan....	1673.5	1697.3	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7
Feb....	1670.7	1699.6(R)	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5638.3
Mar....	1680.6(R)	1697.6(R)	3103	4083	3.0	2.9	5642.5(R)
Apr....	1693.6(P)	1691.9(P)	3710	4626	2.9	3.1	5637.4(P)
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.2	42.1	128.0	123.6
Feb....	11959	14947	41.5	41.7	125.1	121.9
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.8	41.7	126.5	121.8
Apr....	19924	16400	41.7	41.7	126.0	121.1
May....	14189	14866	41.5	41.6	125.8	121.7
Jun....	13507	13681	41.6	41.6	125.5	120.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.4	41.7	96.4	113.0
Aug....	11780	11652	41.1	41.8	98.1	113.4
Sep....	10988	10192	42.4	42.5	124.1	121.0
Oct....	9232	10342	42.0	41.9	123.9	119.6
Nov....	12193	11251	42.3	41.8	130.1	124.2
Dec....	11393	10030	42.2	41.6	117.7	123.0
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.0	129.7	125.2
Feb....	8453	10566	41.9	42.1	130.0	128.7
Mar....	18761*	17534*	42.1	42.0	132.5	127.5
Apr....	12968	10673	42.0	42.0	131.1	126.1
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary
* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000
Jan'88	29,855	$18,603,000	$ 4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000
Jan'89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000
Apr	28,016	21,331,000	18,661,000
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,457,000

Total Outstanding Loans (4/30/89)
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (4/30/89)
$260.3 million

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June 1989

Connecticut employment jumped in May, the unemployment rate for the second month in a row was below 3 percent and personal income of state residents reached an all-time high, State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti announces.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment totaled 1,699,000, up 9,500 or 0.6 percent over April and 1.3 percent higher than in May 1988 (page 2). Hiring in the nonmanufacturing sector offset a drop in manufacturing jobs to create the highest employment since December 1988. These additional positions were largely in services (up 4,500), construction and mining (up 3,100) and all segments of the trade industry (up 3,000, with restaurants accounting for 1,900 new jobs). Other gains were in transportation, finance and real estate. Compared with the previous month, employment increased in 14 geographical areas and decreased only in the Willimantic labor market.

Average hourly earnings in manufacturing were $11.16, a penny more than the previous month and 36 cents higher than the previous May (page 3). The workweek averaged 41.8 hours, a slight dip from the previous month but slightly more than last year. This drop contributed to a monthly decrease in average weekly earnings, to $466.49. Straight-time wages of $10.69 an hour and $427.60 a week were down slightly from the previous month but 3 percent above May 1988. Of the largest labor markets in the state, Stamford boasted the highest weekly wage at $523.08, followed by Hartford at $501.76 and Bridgeport, $487.60 (page 6). Construction workers continued to earn the highest average weekly wage, reaching $672.30; the chemical industry was second at $561.47; and transportation equipment third at $546.97 (page 3).

Unemployment: Joblessness in May remained at 2.9 percent of the labor force, although the number of unemployed rose slightly (page 4). This compares with 2.4 percent for May 1988. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent compared with 3.1 percent in April and remained substantially under the national rate of 5.2 percent. Connecticut's unemployment rate for April tied with Delaware's for third lowest in the nation after New Hampshire (2.7 percent) and Nebraska (2.8 percent). Included in the estimate were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or re-entering the labor force. Monthly improvement in unemployment was recorded in five labor markets. Seven others had unchanged rates and the Hartford, Middletown and New Haven areas recorded slight increases. An analysis of 1988 quality control data for unemployment insurance claims in Connecticut indicates a proper payment rate of 94.7 percent. Further information is available upon request.

Other Indicators: In other sections of the economy, manufacturing output was up and new car registrations were down. The preliminary monthly estimate of state residents' personal income indicates an increase to a new high of $5.655 billion. State data for 1988 show that although the percentage of the population in the work force declined from 1987, representation of workers aged 16 to 19 and of Blacks and Hispanics increased (pages 9 and 10).

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A 1988 profile of the Connecticut labor force is attached.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	May 1989 (P)	Apr. 1989 (R)	May 1988 (R)	% Change May '89 over Apr. '89	% Change May '89 over May '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,699,000*	1,689,500*	1,677,700*	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Manufacturing.....	370,800*	372,200*	375,300*	- 0.4	- 1.2
Durable.....	277,000*	278,400*	281,900*	- 0.5	- 1.7
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,800	6,900	7,100	- 1.4	- 4.2
Primary Metals.....	13,200	13,300	13,200	- 0.8	0.0
Fabricated Metals.....	42,000*	42,200*	42,500*	- 0.5	- 1.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,100	48,000	47,300	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Electrical Equipment....	46,000	46,800	47,800	- 1.7	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	83,100	83,300	85,200	- 0.2	- 2.5
Instruments & Clocks....	24,300	24,400	25,000	- 0.4	- 2.8
Other Durable.....	13,500	13,500	13,800	0.0	- 2.2
Nondurable.....	93,800	93,800	93,400	0.0	+ 0.4
Food.....	11,800	11,500	11,600	+ 2.6	+ 1.7
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	3,700	0.0	- 10.8
Apparel.....	6,500	6,500	6,700	0 0	- 3.0
Paper.....	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	28,300	28,400	28,000	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Chemicals.....	21,400	21,500	20,800	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,500	11,600	11,600	- 0.9	- 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,328,200*	1,317,300*	1,302,400*	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Construction & Mining....	79,100*	76,000	83,900	+ 4.1	- 5.7
Transportation.....	42,100*	41,500*	40,900*	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,100	17,000	16,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Other Transportation....	25,000*	24,500*	24,400*	+ 2.0	+ 2.5
Communications.....	18,200	18,300	18,700	- 0.5	- 2.7
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	13,100	0.0	- 2.3
Trade.....	388,400	385,400	376,200	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Wholesale.....	90,000	89,800	88,300	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Retail.....	298,400	295,600	287,900	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
General Merchandise....	37,400	37,300	34,500	+ 0.3	+ 8.4
Food Stores.....	51,200	50,900	49,300	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	34,500	34,300	33,200	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Restaurants.....	78,000	76,100	78,700	+ 2.5	- 0.9
Other Retail Trade.....	97,300	97,000	92,200	+ 0.3	+ 5.5
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	154,700	154,300	153,400	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Banking.....	35,800	35,700	34,600	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Insurance.....	79,000	79,100	80,700	- 0.1	- 2.1
Real Estate.....	16,500	16,200	16,500	+ 1.9	0.0
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	23,400	23,300	21,600	+ 0.4	+ 8.3
Services.....	420,000	415,500	406,000*	+ 1.1	+ 3.4
Hotels.....	13,100	12,500	13,400	+ 4.8	- 2.2
Personal Services.....	20,600	20,900	19,700	- 1.4	+ 4.6
Business Services.....	92,000	91,300	91,200*	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
Health Services.....	125,700	125,400	120,200	+ 0.2	+ 4.6
Law & Professional.....	39,600	39,500	36,300	+ 0.3	+ 9.1
Educational Services....	37,200	36,900	35,600	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
Other Services.....	91,800	89,000	89,600*	+ 3.1	+ 2.5
Government.....	212,900	213,500	210,200	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Federal.....	26,000	25,900	25,600	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
State & Local.....	186,900	187,600	184,600	- 0.4	+ 1.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (P) Preliminary (R) Revised

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1989	Apr. 1989 (R)	May 1988 (R)	May 1989	Apr. 1989 (R)	May 1988 (R)	May 1989	Apr. 1989 (R)	May 1988 (R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$466.49	$468.30	$448.20	41.8	42.0	41.5	$11.16	$11.15	$10.80
DURABLE MANUFACTURING	476.44	478.70	458.89	42.2	42.4	42.1	11.29	11.29	10.90
Lumber & Furniture	377.29	377.58	363.12	40.7	40.6	40.8	9.27	9.30	8.90
Primary Metals	504.21	509.95	485.16	46.6	47.0	45.3	10.82	10.85	10.71
Fabricated Metals	451.12	450.93	427.32	42.2	42.5	42.1	10.69	10.61	10.15
Machinery	508.58	514.04	503.25	43.1	43.6	44.3	11.80	11.79	11.36
Electrical Equipment	389.75	387.16	381.92	41.2	41.1	41.2	9.46	9.42	9.27
Transportation Equipment	546.97	553.50	525.16	41.5	40.9	40.9	13.18	13.21	12.84
Instruments and Clocks	477.36	487.06	429.71	43.2	43.8	42.8	11.05	11.12	10.04
Other Durable Mfg	405.55	395.81	397.58	40.8	39.7	41.2	9.94	9.97	9.65
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING	436.45	435.23	420.00	40.6	40.6	40.0	10.75	10.72	10.50
Food	394.84	399.99	386.33	38.9	39.1	38.1	10.15	10.23	10.14
Textiles	369.14	369.67	333.38	41.9	42.2	39.5	8.81	8.76	8.44
Apparel	275.66	274.71	238.42	39.1	39.3	36.4	7.05	6.99	6.55
Paper	515.66	500.33	486.33	43.7	42.8	42.4	11.80	11.69	11.47
Printing and Publishing	430.13	434.32	430.49	37.5	37.8	38.3	11.47	11.49	11.24
Chemicals	561.47	555.08	548.16	42.6	42.6	44.1	13.18	13.03	12.43
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	387.74	385.98	371.20	42.1	42.0	40.0	9.21	9.19	9.28
Other Nondurable Mfg	309.88	309.96	320.52	37.2	37.8	35.3	8.33	8.20	9.08
CONSTRUCTION	672.30	670.47	663.77	40.5	40.1	41.1	16.60	16.72	16.15

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	May 1989(P)		Apr. 1989(R)		May 1988(R)	
	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	51,700	2.9	51,300	2.9	42,800	2.4
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.2)		(3.1)		(2.5)
Ct. Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,800	3.7	8,700	3.7	7,000	3.0
Bristol.....	1,300	3.3	1,400	3.5	1,000	2.6
Danbury.....	3,100	2.7	3,200	2.8	2,800	2.4
Danielson.....	1,600	4.7	1,700	5.0	1,200	3.4
Hartford.....	11,300	2.6	11,000	2.5	9,400	2.2
Middletown.....	1,500	2.7	1,400	2.6	1,200	2.2
Lower River.....	400	2.1	400	2.1	300	1.8
New Britain.....	2,400	3.2	2,500	3.3	1,800	2.4
New Haven.....	7,900	2.8	7,500	2.7	6,400	2.3
New London/Norwich*..	4,000	3.0	3,900	3.0	3,800	2.8
Norwalk.....	1,700	2.2	1,700	2.2	1,600	1.9
Stamford.....	2,400	2.0	2,500	2.1	2,000	1.7
Torrington.....	1,400	2.7	1,300	2.7	1,100	2.1
Waterbury.....	3,800	3.7	3,800	3.7	3,000	3.0
Willimantic.....	700	2.3	700	2.3	800	2.7
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,156,000	5.0	6,229,000	5.1	6,553,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.2)		(5.3)		(5.6)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	May '89	Apr. '89	May '88
1967=100.....	370.8	368.8	352.0
1982-84=100.....	123.8	123.1	117.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.6	+ 5.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.
The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	May '89	Apr.'89	May '88(R)	Percent Change to May 1989 from: Apr.'89	May '88
BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	204,680	203,420	203,360*	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	56,220	56,370	57,520	- 0.3	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	148,460	147,050	145,840*	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,940*	26,490	26,010	+ 1.7	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	7,690*	7,830	7,770	- 1.8	- 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	19,250	18,660	18,240	+ 3.2	+ 5.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,650	84,470	82,860	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	24,960	25,120	24,030	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	59,690	59,350	58,830	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,960	22,760	23,220*	+ 0.9	- 1.1
Manufacturing	8,090	8,080	8,640*	+ 0.1	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,870	14,680	14,580	+ 1.3	+ 2.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	491,250*	490,020*	486,440*	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	89,400*	89,550*	90,840*	- 0.2	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	401,850*	400,470*	395,600*	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	49,320	48,960	47,860	+ 0.7	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	9,690	9,720	9,790	- 0.3	- 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	39,630	39,240	38,070	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,150	14,850	14,640	+ 2.0	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	4,620	4,620	4,680	0	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	10,530	10,230	9,960	+ 2.9	+ 5.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,700	66,150	64,800	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	18,970	19,040	18,680	- 0.4	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	47,730	47,110	46,120	+ 1.3	+ 3.5
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	265,180	263,280	259,400*	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	47,440	47,310	47,530	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	217,740	215,970	211,870*	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	119,900	118,730	118,960	+ 1.0	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	32,150	32,190	33,210	- 0.1	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	87,750	86,540	85,750	+ 1.4	+ 2.3
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,100	72,680	73,300	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Manufacturing	17,670	17,740	18,900	- 0.4	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	55,430	54,940	54,400	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	126,470	126,010	125,840	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	21,810	22,350	22,720	- 2.4	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	104,660	103,660	103,120	+ 1.0	+ 1.5